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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - REPORTED HIZBALLAH SHIPMENT TO SIERRA LEONE

REF: FBI REPORTING CABLE SERIAL #: IIR 4 201 6830 08

Classified By: CDA Glenn Fedzer for reasons 1.4 (b/d)

¶1. (S/NF) Embassy Freetown welcomes the information provided in reftel and requests additional information in reference to the shipment of a cargo container by Hizballah. Information as listed below, if provided, could help identify the consignee of the cargo and allow for a more thorough investigation. Volume at the port of Freetown is small and embassy connections good, providing an excellent opportunity to follow up on information in reftel.

¶2. (S/NF) Post specifically requests the following:

- Originating country of the container
- Name of the company used for this shipment
- Rough (or exact, if available) time shipment and ETA to Sierra Leone
- Name of person who shipped container
- Name of person receiving container in Sierra Leone
- Possible Contents as stated on the manifest

¶3. (S/NF) Per referenced report, FBI comments that the source is available for recontact. If possible, post requests that the source be recontacted to provide additional information. Port of embarkation and approximate time frame alone might be sufficient to track down and verify the suspect container.

¶4. (S/NF) Post requests any additional cables or reports related to this, or similar incidents.
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